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JEN WALTERS MUST DIE

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SHE-HULK®

Jennifer Walters has always battled for justice, both as a lawyer and as the super hero She-Hulk. Jen was recently critically injured at the same time that her cousin, Bruce Banner, A.K.A. the original Hulk, was murdered. Since these incidents, Jen's Hulk persona has become scarred and corrupted by rage.

Now Jen must search for a way to become

After her Hulk persona rampaged out of control outside of a county courthouse, Jen has been getting increasingly worried about her gray alter ego. But trying to regain control of her transformation is difficult work--made all the worse by the fact that Jen has been kidnapped by the Leader and an obsessed fan he's been manipulating named Robyn.

And now the Leader's plan has come to fruition--Jen faces the Hulk-like monster that Robyn's been transformed into, with one directive: kill or be killed.

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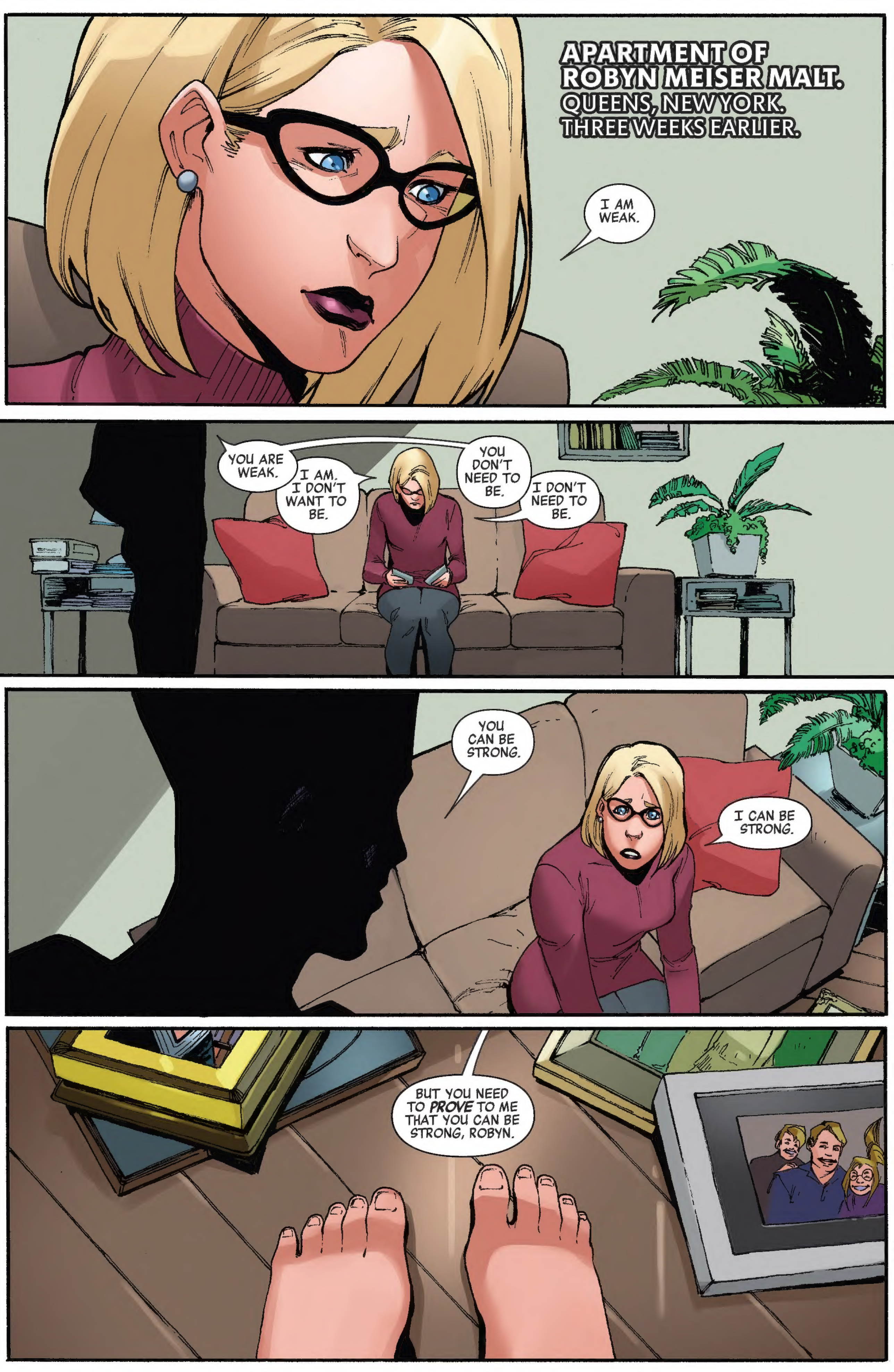

APARTMENT OF ROBYN MEISER MALT.
QUEENS, NEW YORK.
THREE WEEKS EARLIER.
I AM WEAK.
YOU ARE WEAK.
I AM. I DON'T WANT TO BE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE.
I DON'T NEED TO BE.
YOU CAN BE STRONG.
I CAN BE STRONG.
BUT YOU NEED TO PROVE TO ME THAT YOU CAN BE STRONG, ROBYN.

JENNIFER WALTERS HAS STRENGTH, BUT HER WILL IS WEAK.
THE FEAR THAT YOU SEE COURSING THROUGH HER IS A POISON.
A POISON YOU KNOW TOO WELL.
WE MUST SACRIFICE THE WEAK TO SAVE THE STRONG.
WE MUST ECLIPSE WEAKNESS TO LET POWER REIGN.

YOU MUST DO THIS FOR ME.
YOU WILL DO THIS FOR ME.
WHAT IS IT YOU WILL DO FOR YOUR LEADER, ROBYN MEISER MALT?
I WILL KILL JENNIFER WALTERS.
YES.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE STRONG?

NOW.
I WILL DESTROY YOU.
CRAP. CRAP. CRAP.
I DON'T KNOW ROBYN MEISER MALT ALL THAT WELL, BUT I'M GUESSING, FOR MY FORMER SUPERFAN, STRENGTH WAS ALWAYS THIS:
THE POWER TO CRUSH SOMEONE LIKE A BUG.
IN THIS CASE, ME.

ROBYN.

ARE YOU STILL IN THERE?

IS THIS WHAT YOU THOUGHT STRENGTH WOULD BE?

YOU WILL DIE NOW. MUST DIE.

LEADER, THIS IS A PRETTY CRAPPY MASTER PLAN.

A GLADIATOR FACE-OFF BETWEEN HULKS? BIG BRAIN LIKE YOURS AND THAT'S *ALL* YOU CAN COME UP WITH?

IT'S *THE* LEADER. AND THAT'S HARDLY THE POINT, MISS WALTERS.

THE POINT IS THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO FIGHT. BUT YOU *WILL*.

YOU DON'T WANT TO KILL.

BUT YOU *WILL*.

FOR THE LEADER, STRENGTH IS *CONTROL*.

YOU'LL HAVE NO CHOICE.

THE MONSTER YOU'VE BECOME WON'T GIVE YOU ONE.

NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

RIGHT NOW, IT'S THE ONE THING THE LEADER AND I AGREE ON.

STRENGTH *IS* CONTROL.

WELL THEN, YOUR DEATH WILL BE SHORT AND QUICK!

GRAH.

I AM NOT GOING TO KILL YOU, ROBYN MEISER MALT.

I'M GOING TO FIGHT THE PART OF ME THAT'S SCREAMING TO GET OUT.
GUH!
YOU CAN DO THIS, JEN. YOU ARE STRONGER THAN THIS MONSTER.
THE ONLY WAY YOU WIN THIS GAME IS NOT TO PLAY.
OH, COOL, LOOK, I'M TALKING TO MYSELF AGAIN. IN THE SECOND PERSON.
THAT'S NICE.

OKAY, SO, THE ONLY WAY OUT IS UP.

I CAN FEEL IT, THE GRAY HEART BEATING IN MY CHEST. A GRAY HEART BIGGER THAN ANYTHING.

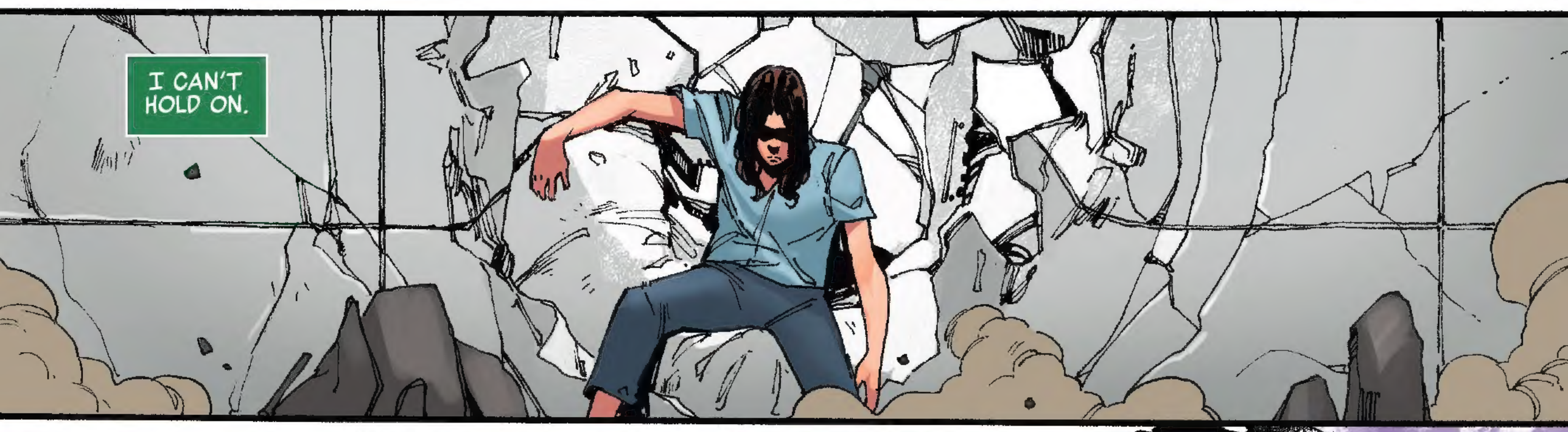
BIGGER THAN ME.
I WILL NOT KILL ROBYN MEISER MALT.
GAH!
ZZZ
ZZZ
UNLESS...
UNNNH...

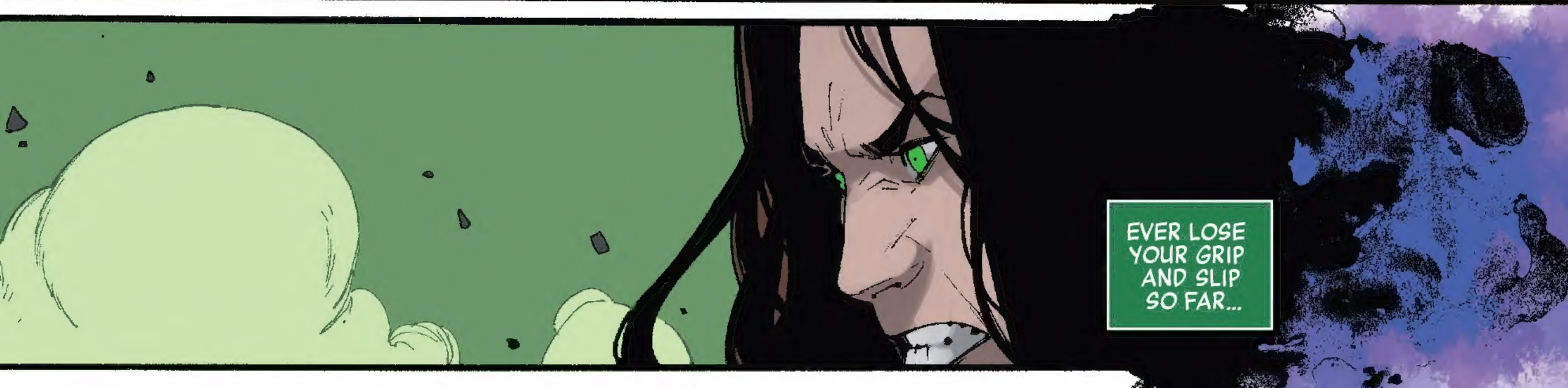
NO, ROBYN. DON'T.
YES! KILL HER!

...UNLESS I SLIP AWAY.

I AM WEAK.
I AM WEAKER THAN THIS THING INSIDE ME.

SMASH


I CAN'T HOLD ON.


EVER LOSE YOUR GRIP AND SLIP SO FAR...

...YOU END UP SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY?

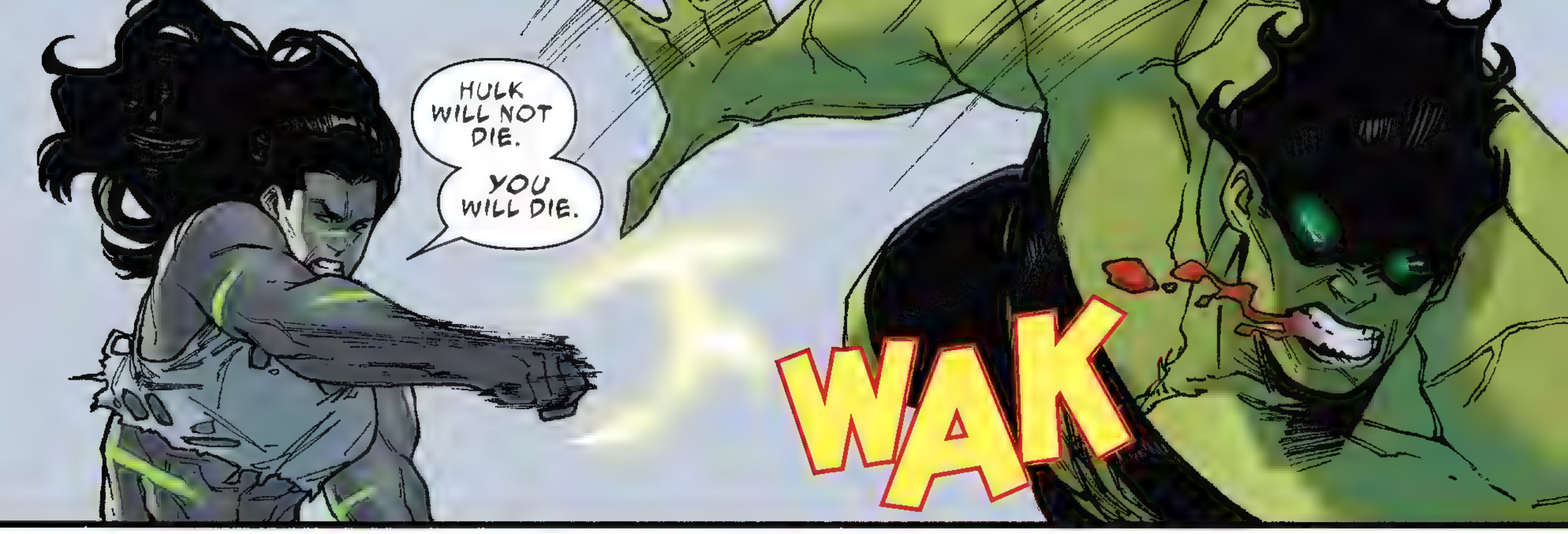
UNNNNH...

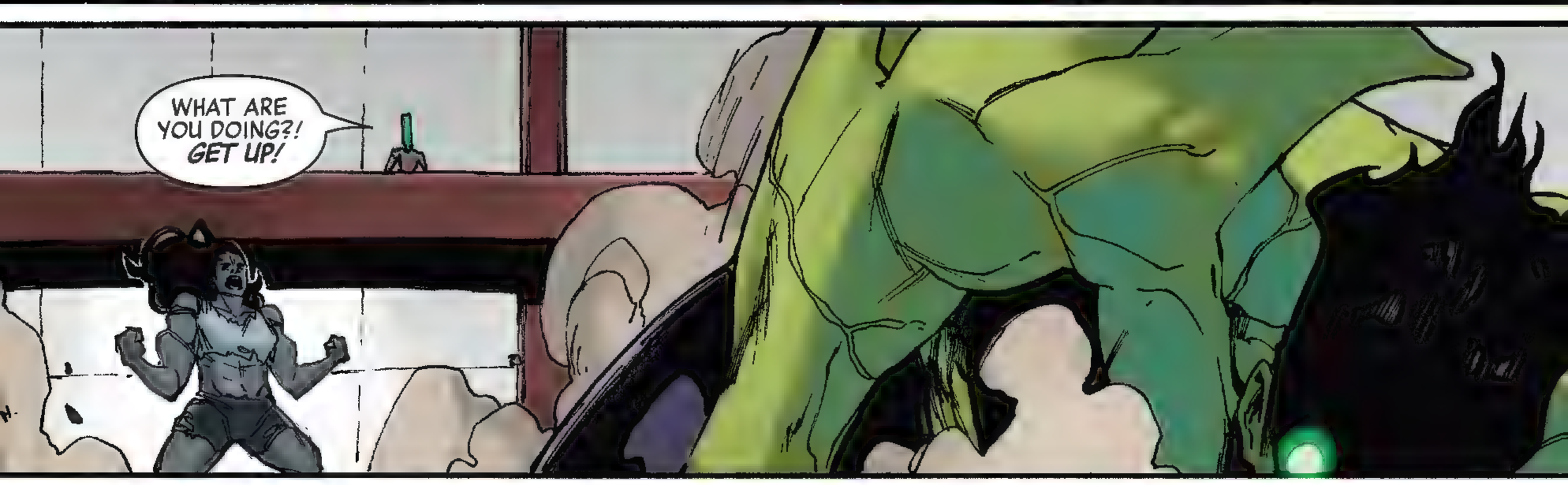
W-WHAT?

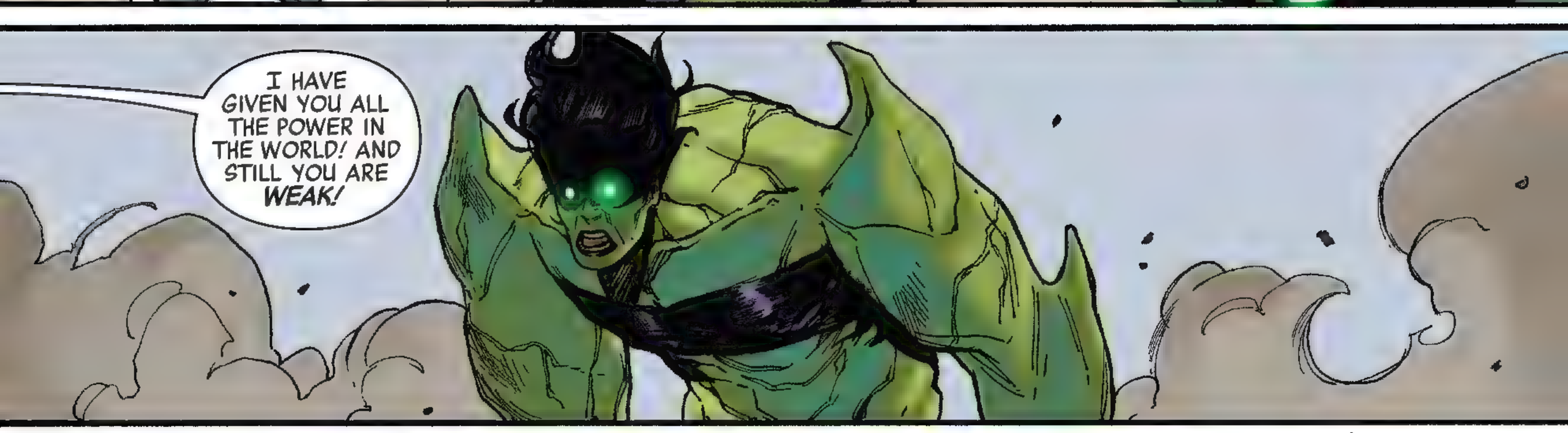
AM I DEAD?

NO.

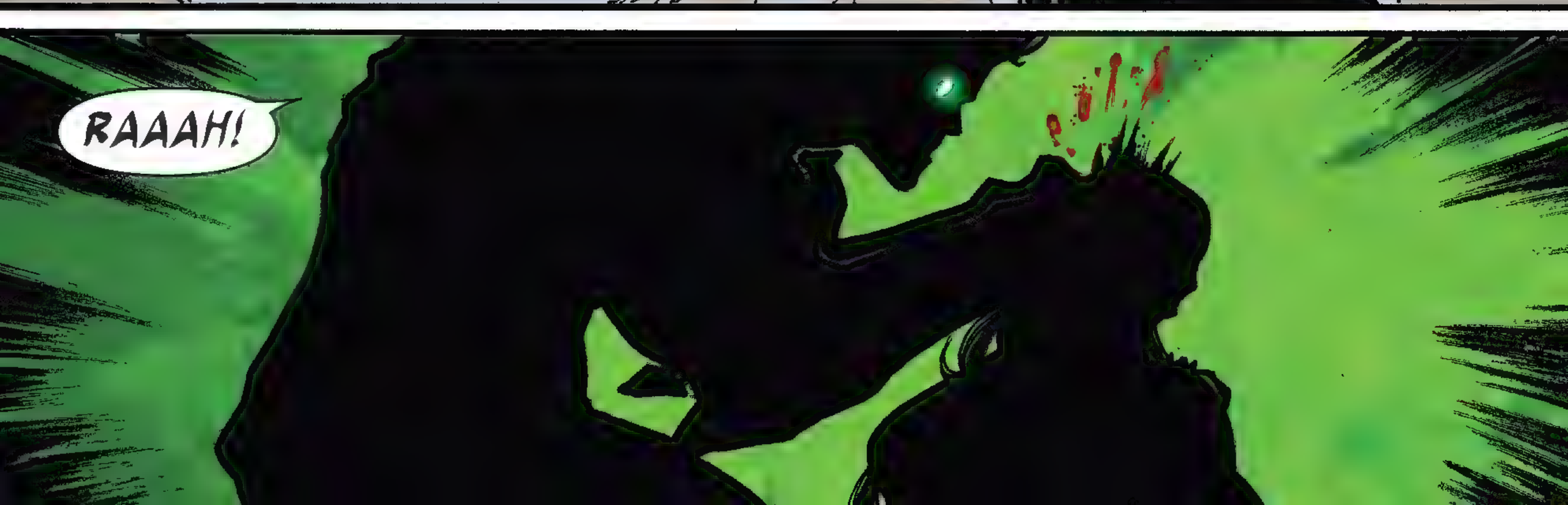
WHERE ARE WE?
WHEN IT'S TOO MUCH, WE COME HERE.
WELL, IT'S A NEW ONE FOR ME.
WHERE IS *HERE?*
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT'S SAFE. IT'S SAFER THAN OUT THERE.
ROBYN, WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?
YOU'RE KILLING ME.


HULK WILL NOT DIE.
YOU WILL DIE.
WAK


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET UP!


I HAVE GIVEN YOU ALL THE POWER IN THE WORLD! AND STILL YOU ARE WEAK!

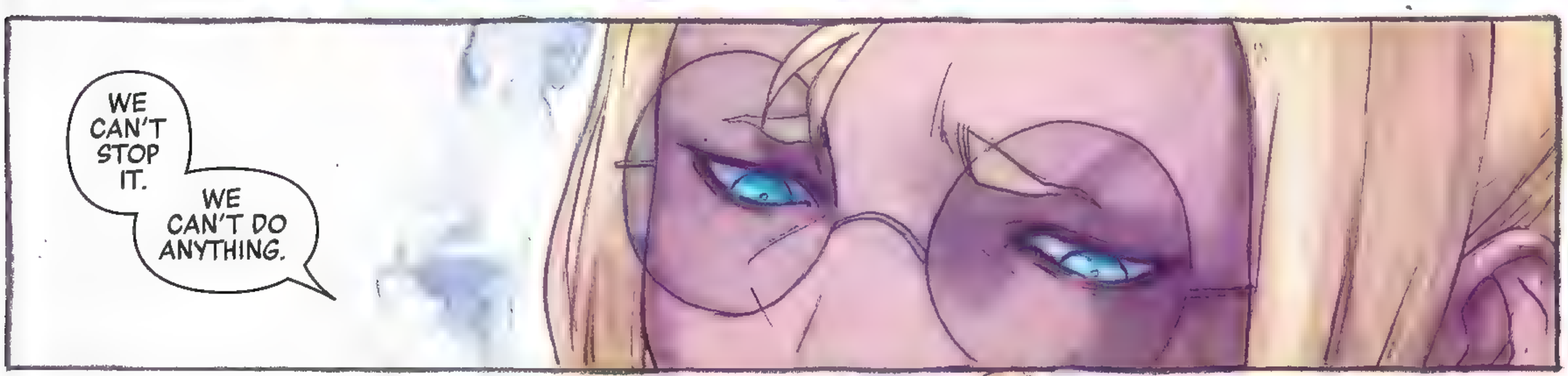
FINISH HER!


RAAAH!

ARE YOU SURE *YOU'RE* NOT KILLING *ME?*

NO.
YOU'LL KILL ME. I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WOULD.
I THINK, IN HERE, I ALWAYS KNEW.

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

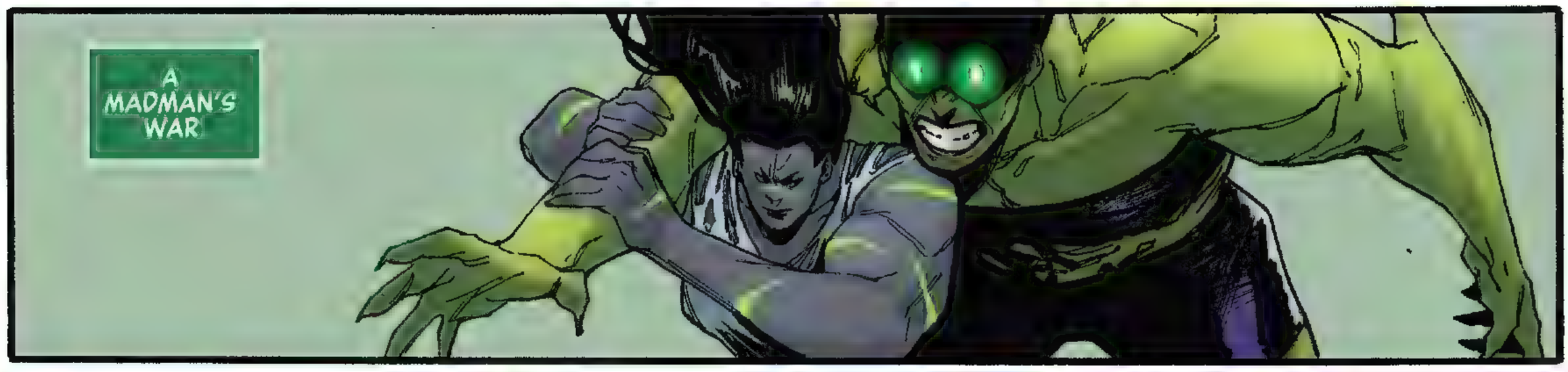

WE CAN'T STOP IT.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

OH, ROBYN, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I CAN FEEL IT. ON THE TIPS OF MY FINGERS. AN ECHO OF A BATTLE...

...A BATTLE I CAN ONLY LOSE.
YES. THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE MINE NOW, JENNIFER WALTERS.
THIS WILL BE YOUR UNDOING. THIS VIOLENT END YOU CANNOT STOP. A VIOLENT END OF MY DESIGN!

CRICK
I CAN FEEL A PART OF ME, TORN AND BROKEN...

SMAK
...LIKE IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED.


A MADMAN'S WAR

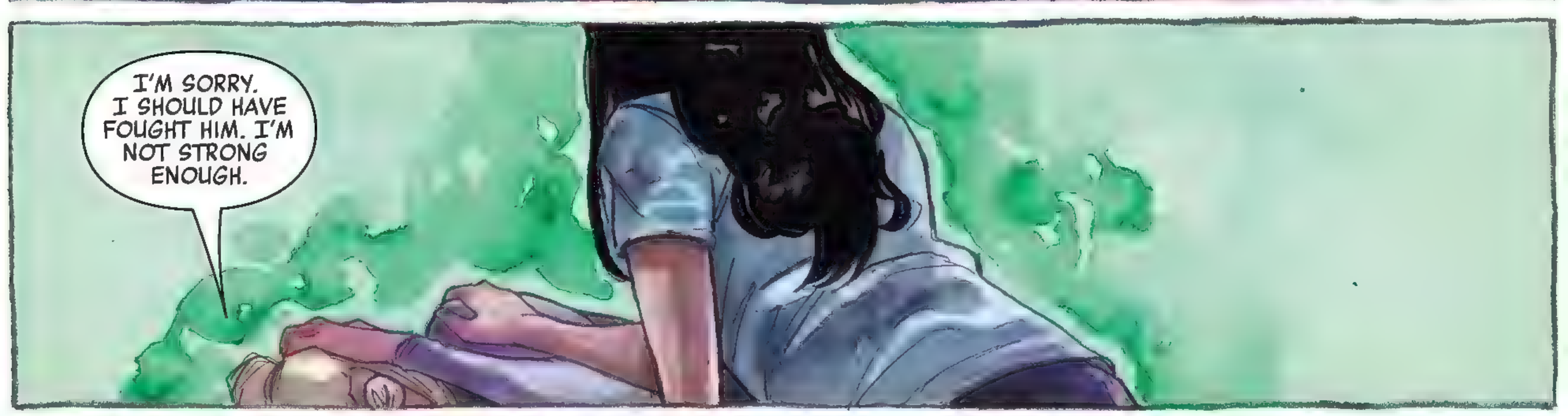
A BLOODTHIRSTY PUPPETEER, PULLING STRINGS. I CAN HEAR HIS VOICE, FAR AWAY.

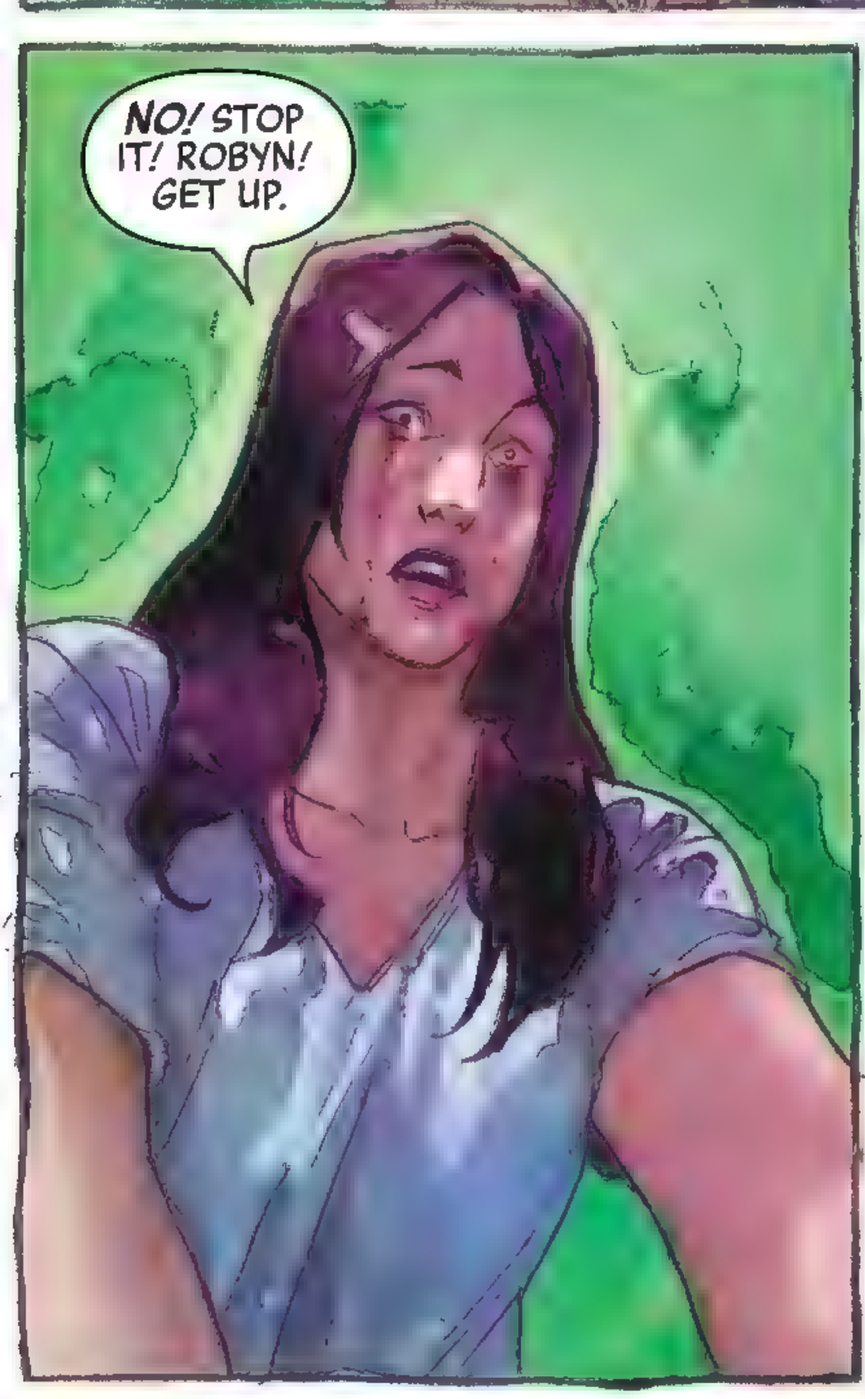
GLUH!

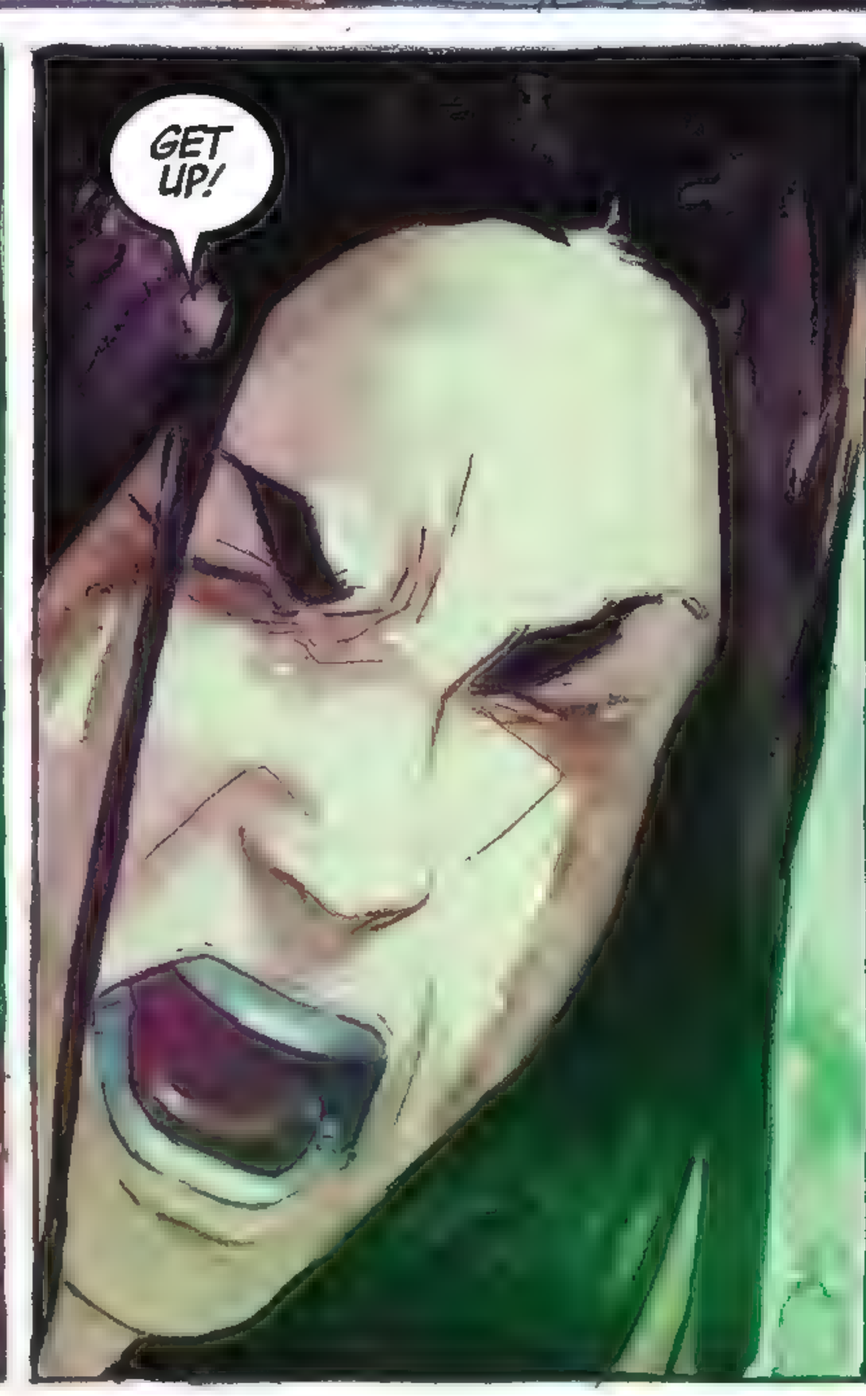
YES! YES! NOW FINISH HER!

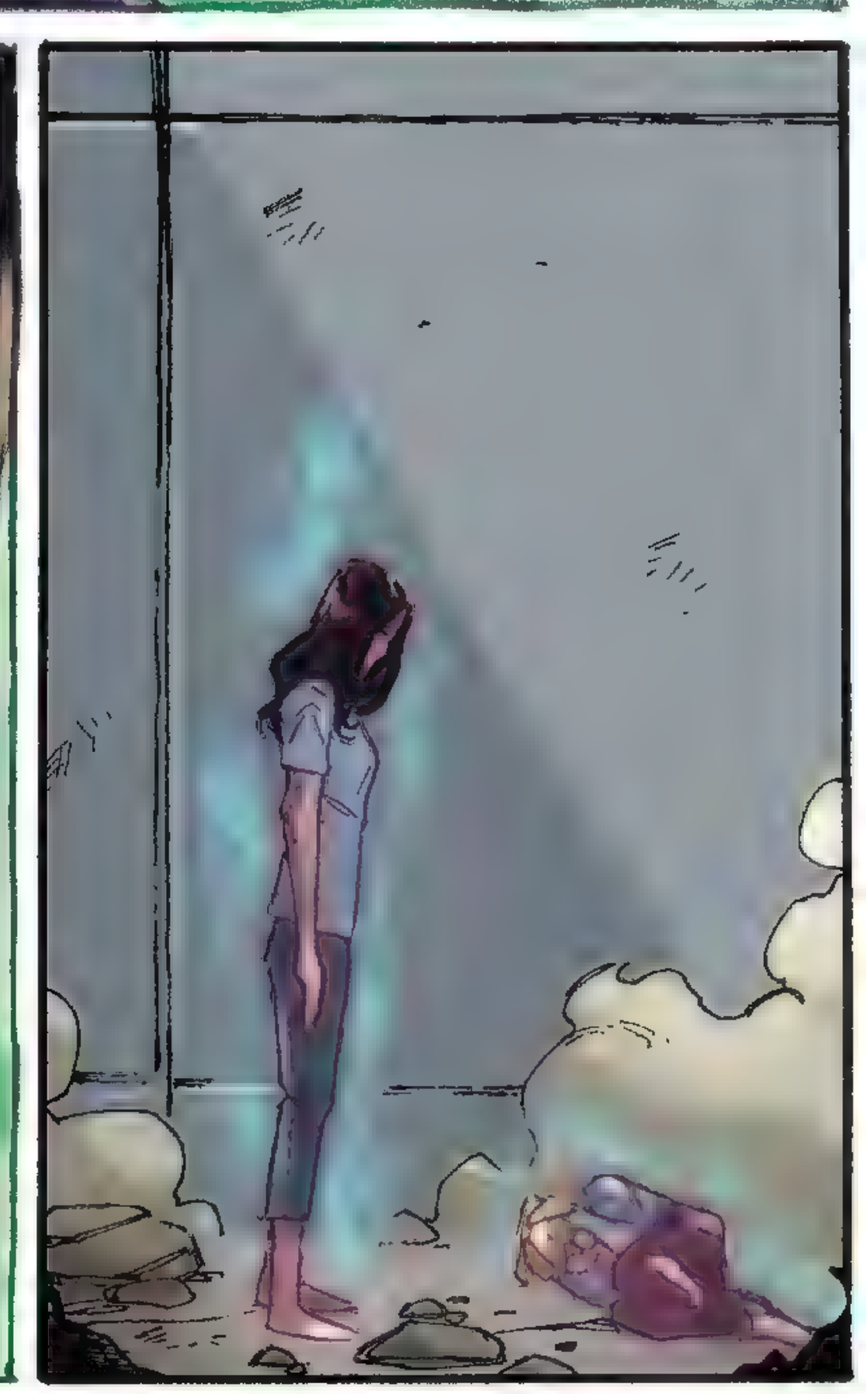
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS. I LET HIM IN MY HEAD.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. THAT'S HOW IT WORKS WITH THE LEADER.
ROBYN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE.


I'M SORRY. I SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT HIM. I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.


NO! STOP IT! ROBYN! GET UP.


GET UP!



DON'T DO THIS!

STOP!

STOP IT! YOU ARE ME! STOP!

GURRGLE.

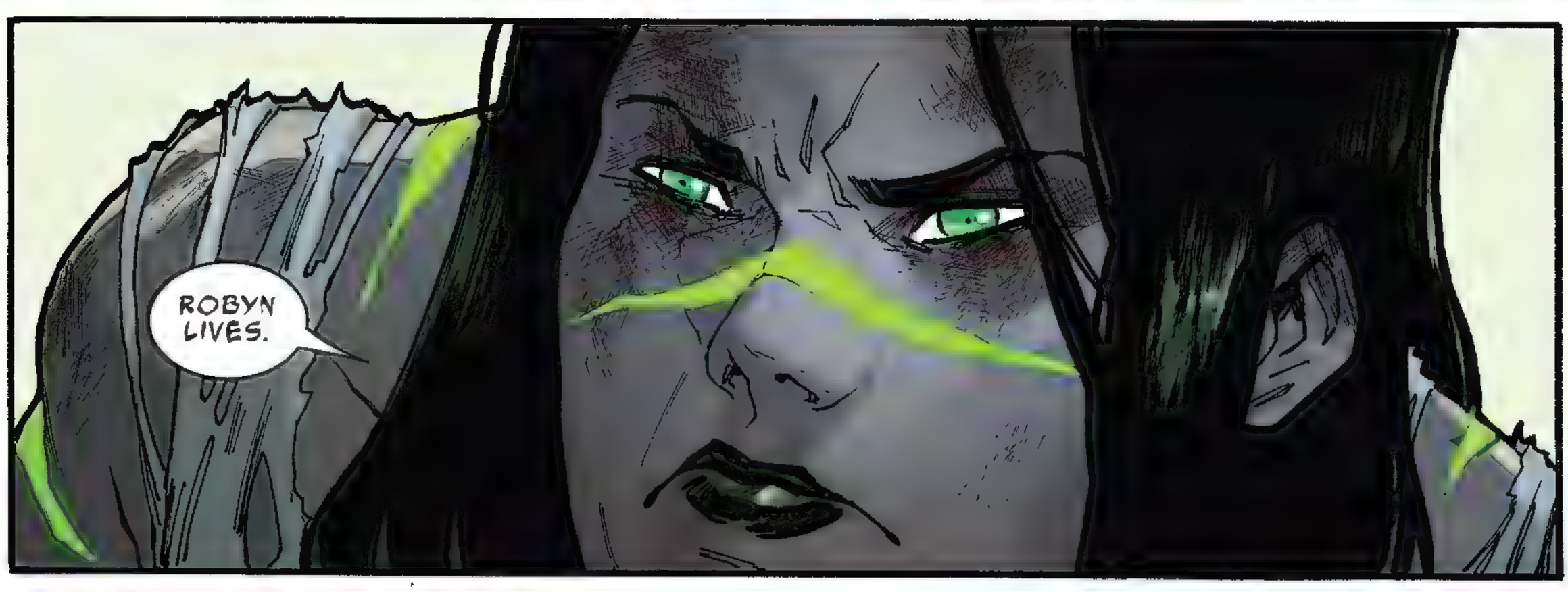
GRAAA!

YOU HAVE TO STOP! I WON'T DO THIS!

YOU ARE *ME*, DAMMIT. YOU ARE *ME!*

WHAT IS THIS?!
KILL HER!

KILL HER. OR I WILL MAKE HER TEAR THIS CITY APART.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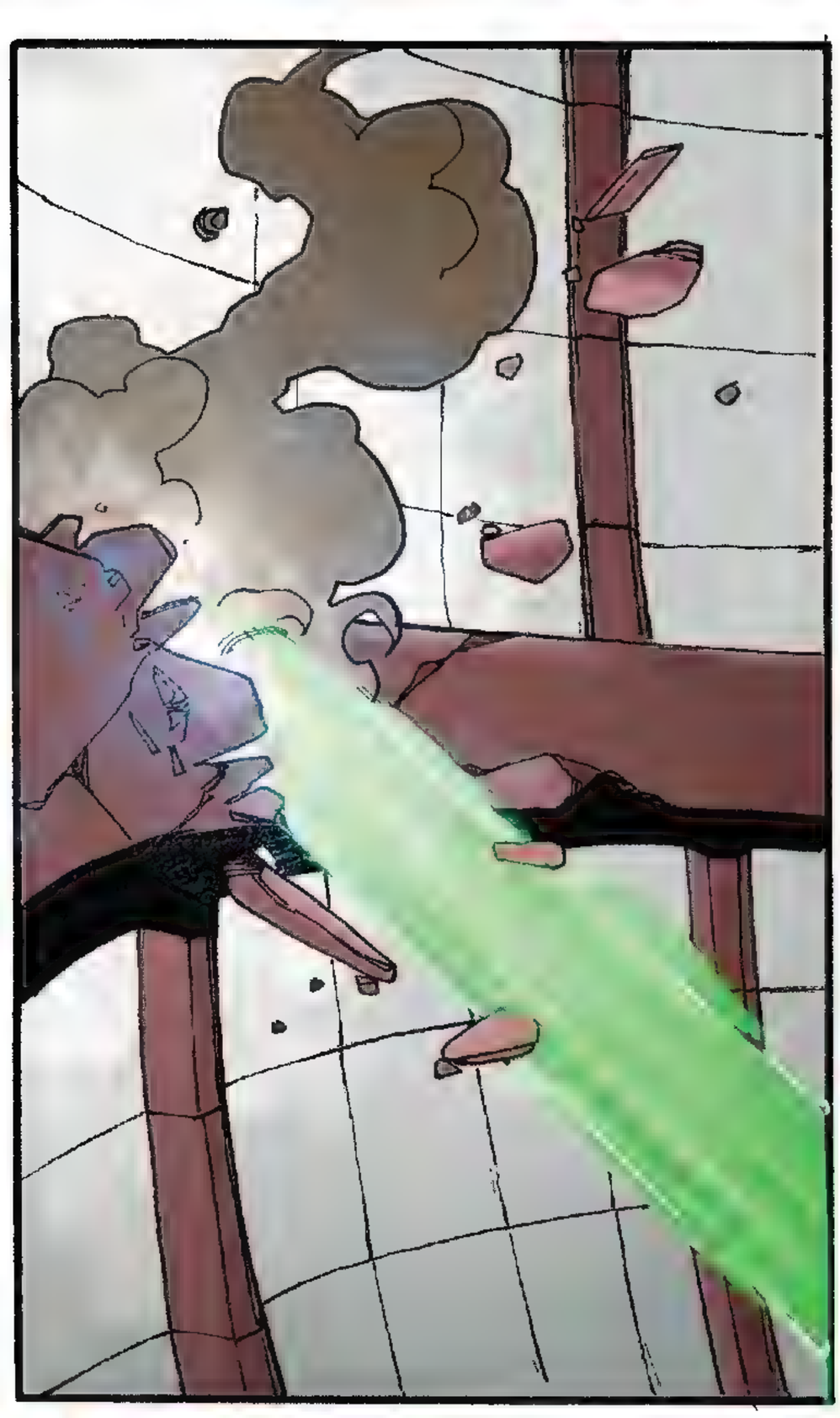
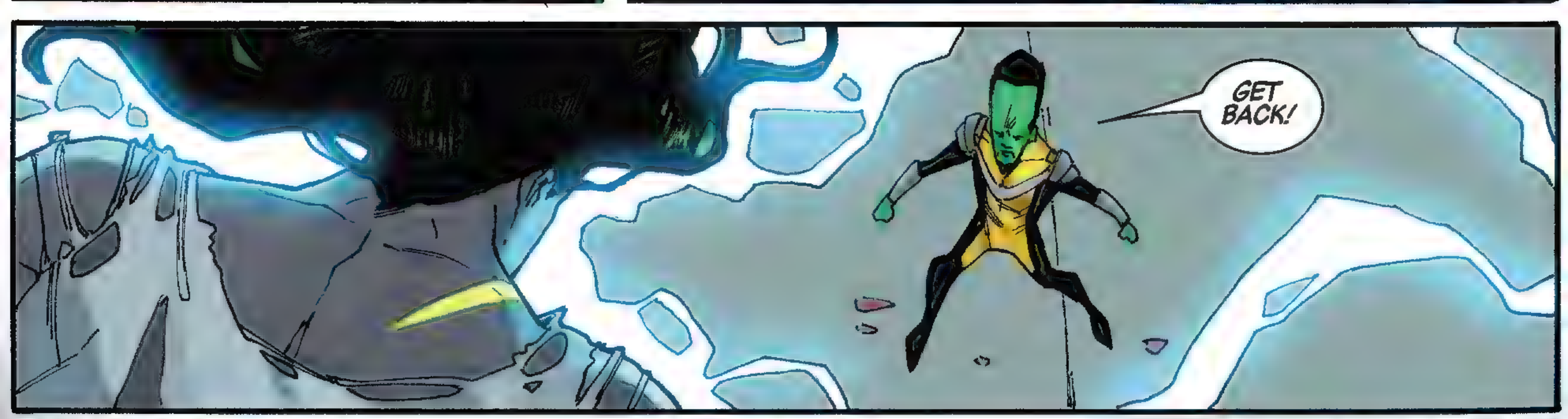
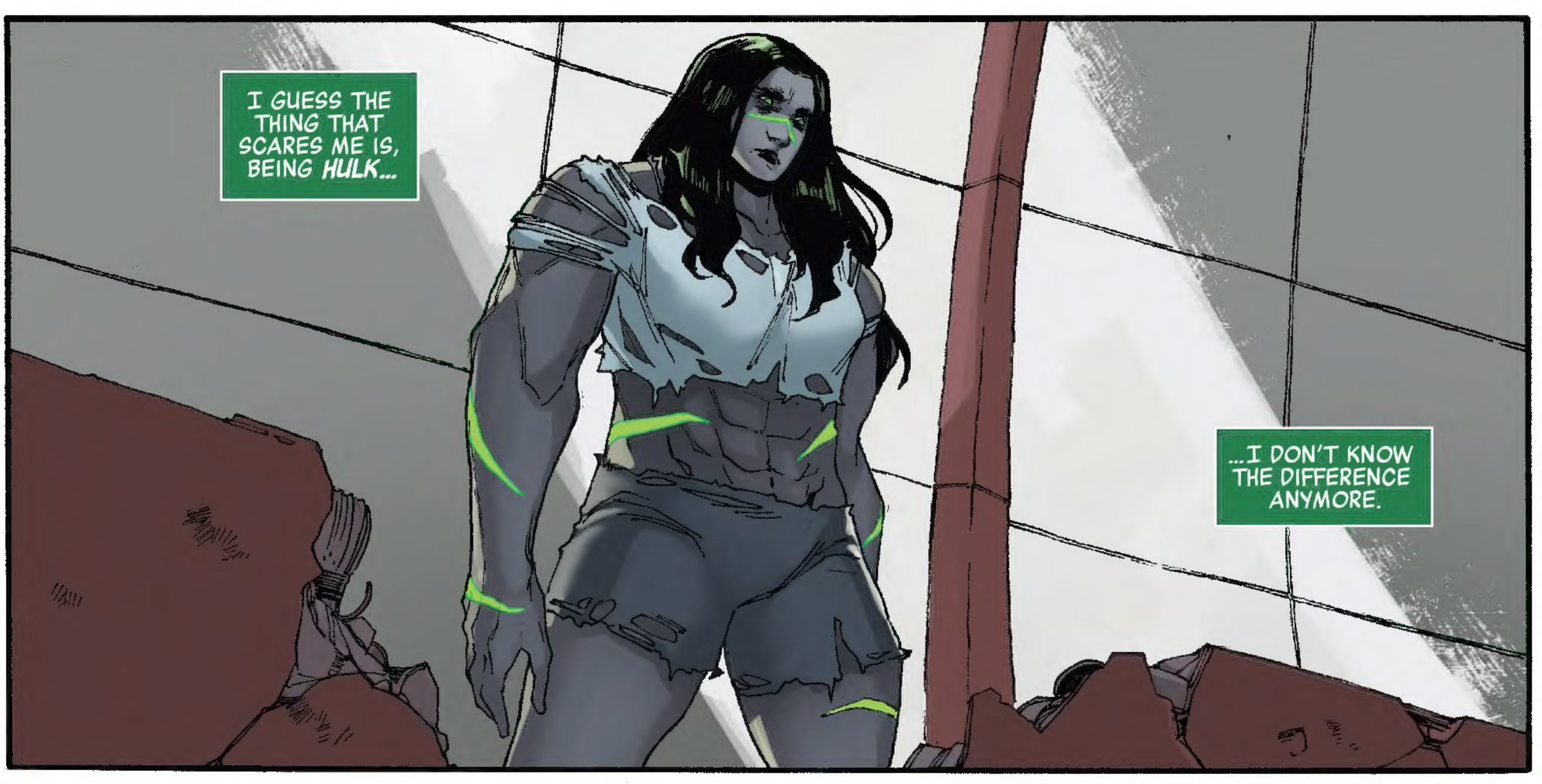
HEAR ME, JENNIFER WALTERS.

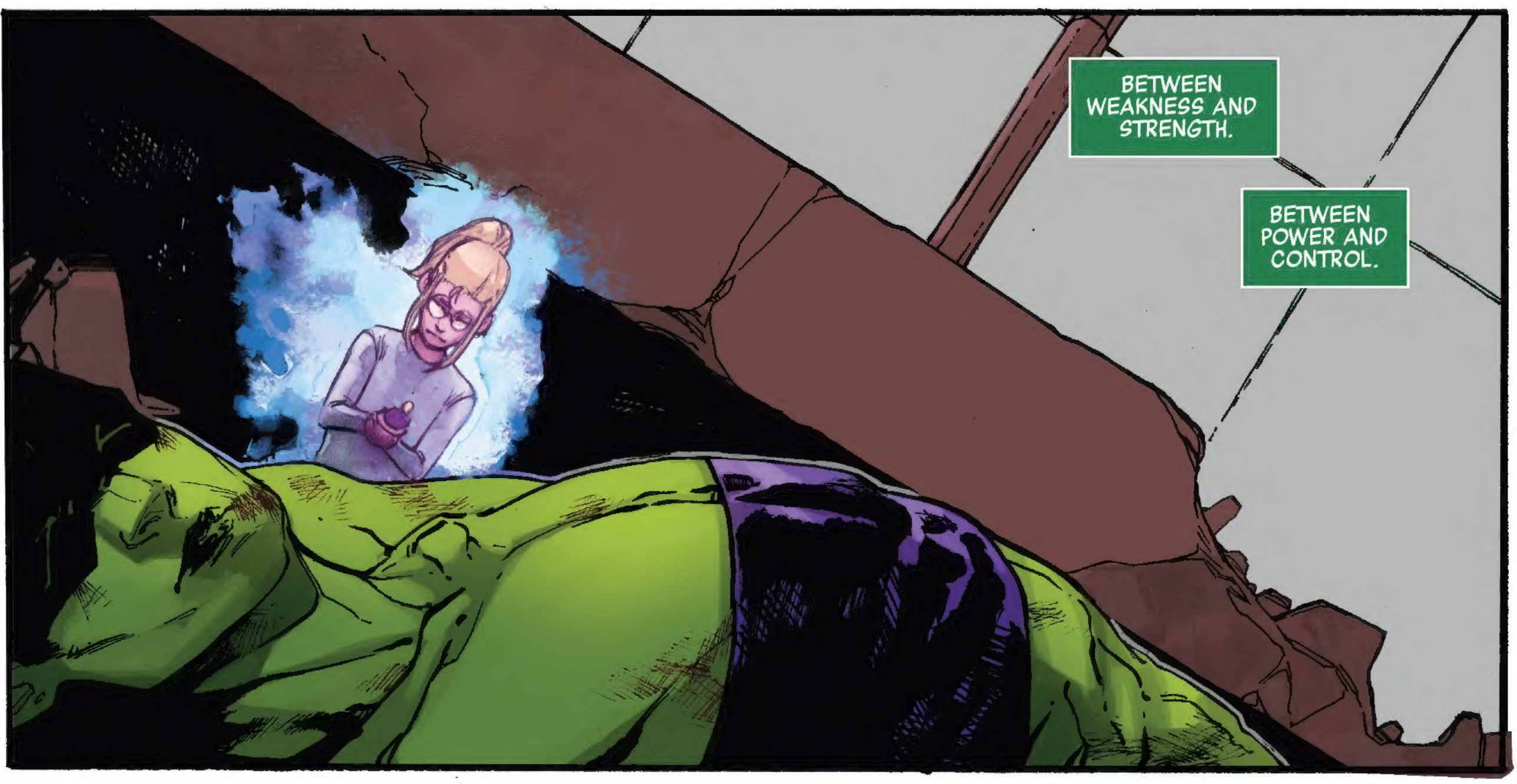


JENNIFER WALTERS LIVES.

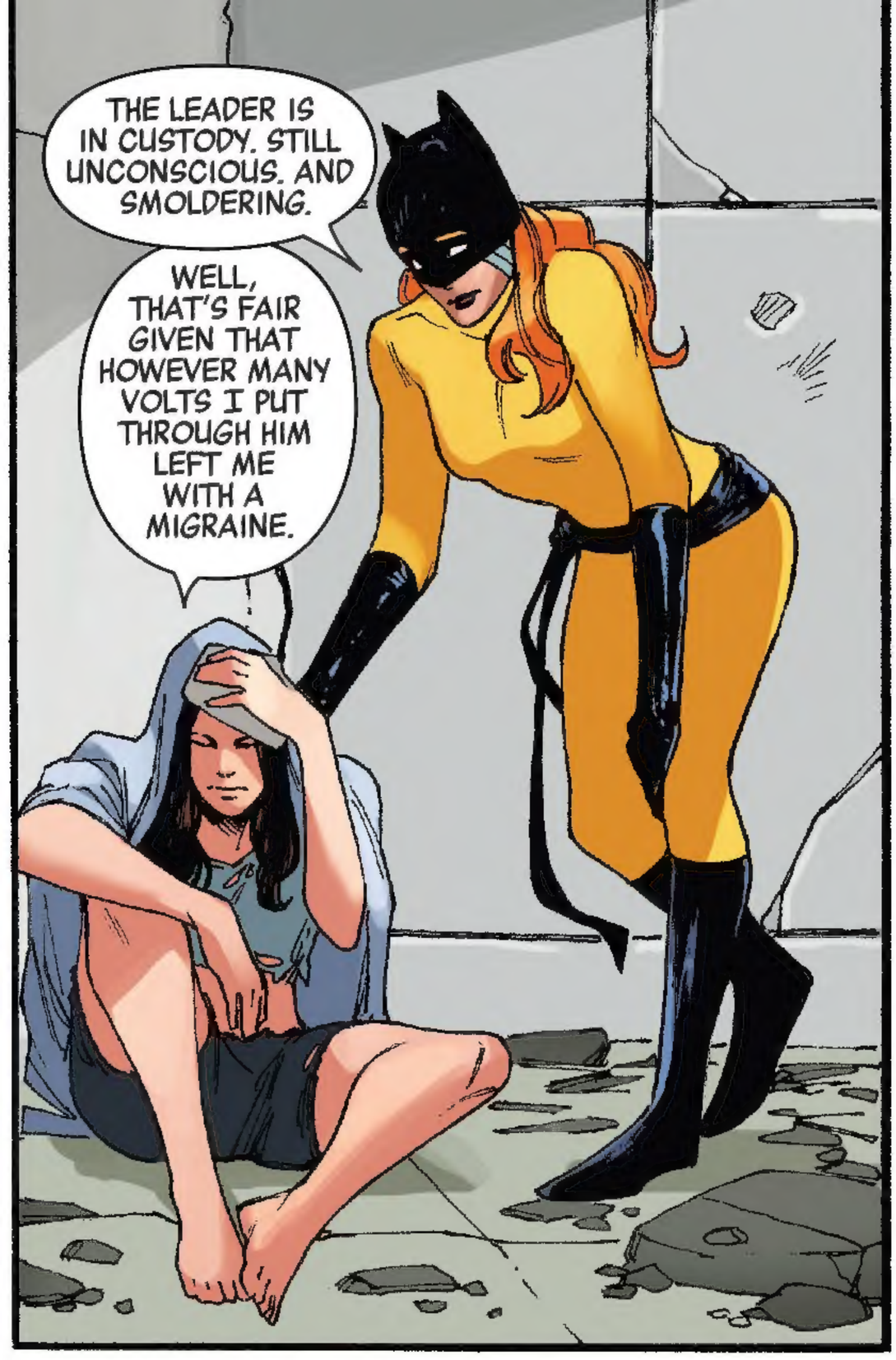

GET BACK!

YOU DIE.
HULK IS THE STRONGEST THING I'VE EVER FELT AND EVER KNOWN.

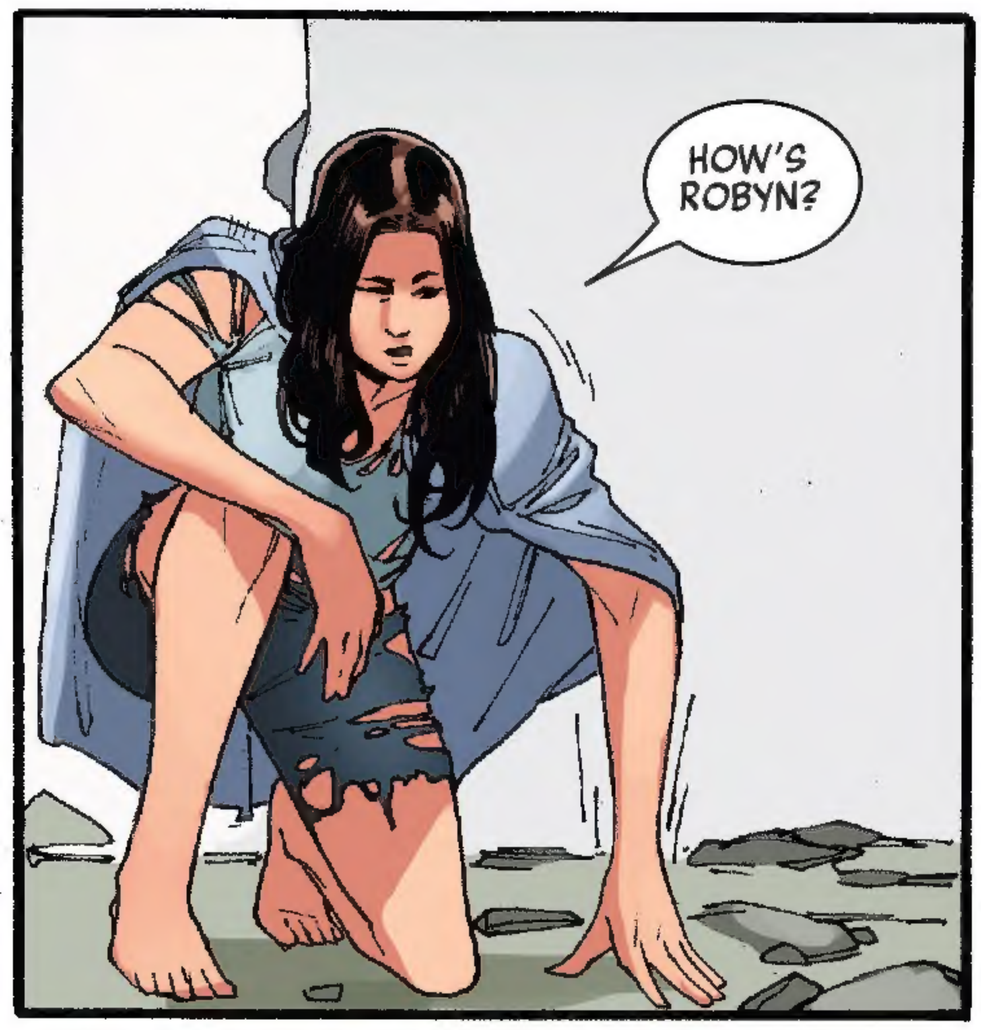

I GUESS THE THING THAT SCARES ME IS, BEING HULK...
...I DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE ANYMORE.


BETWEEN WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH.
BETWEEN POWER AND CONTROL.

BETWEEN WHATEVER IT IS THE LEADER THINKS HE NEEDS AND WHATEVER ROBYN WANTED AND WHATEVER IT IS I HAVE NOW.


THE LEADER IS IN CUSTODY. STILL UNCONSCIOUS. AND SMOLDERING.
WELL, THAT'S FAIR GIVEN THAT HOWEVER MANY VOLTS I PUT THROUGH HIM LEFT ME WITH A MIGRAINE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WHOLE THING HAPPENED AND I WAS BINGE-WATCHING FLIX.
WELL, HELLCAT, SEEING AS YOU DON'T HAVE A 24/7 TRACKER ON ME, I THINK YOU CAN TAKE A *PASS* ON FEELING GUILTY.


HOW'S ROBYN?

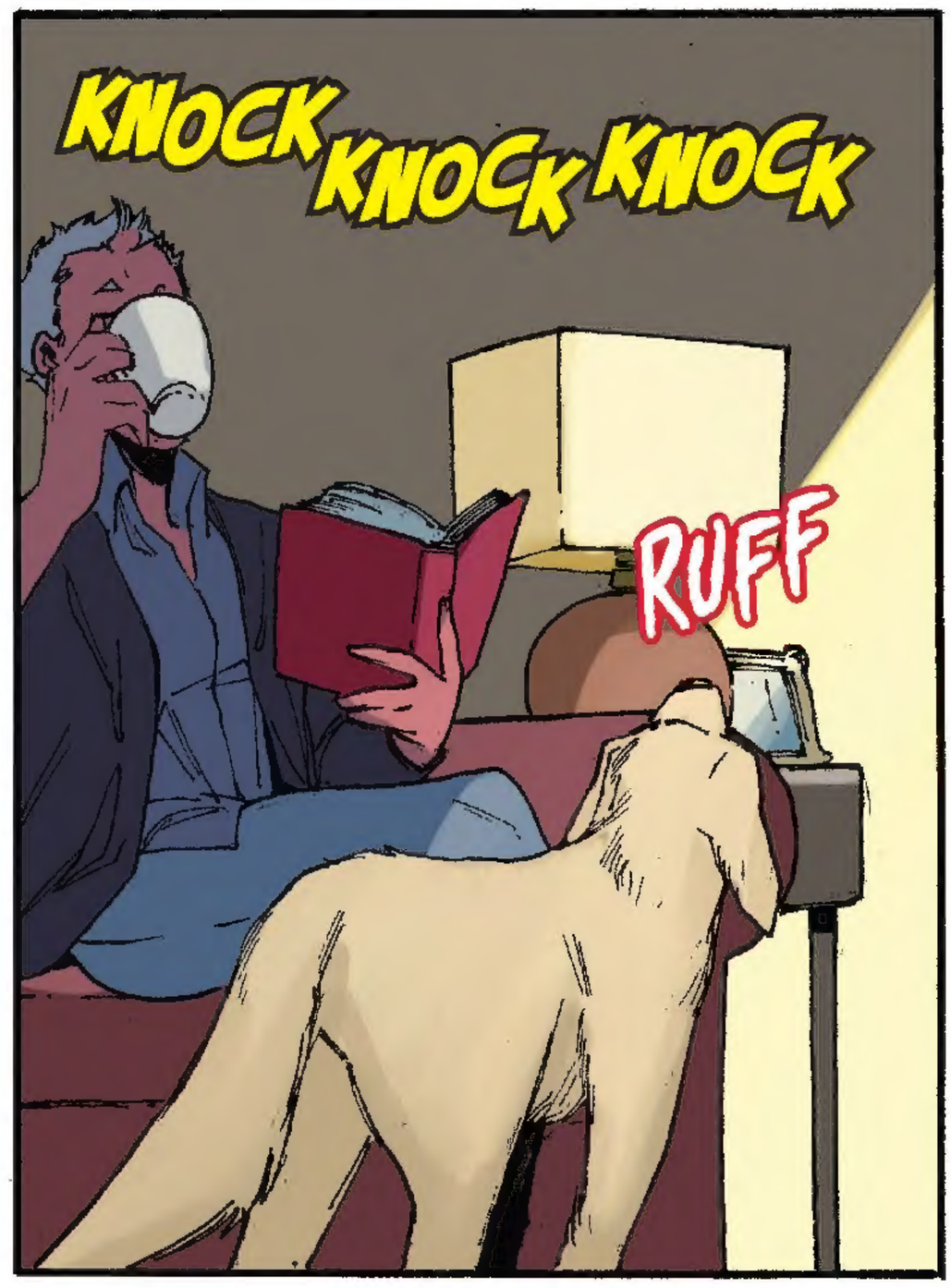
THE LEADER PUT SOMETHING IN HER BLOOD TRANSFUSION, SOMETHING TO PREVENT THE TRANSFORMATION FROM BEING PERMANENT. SHE'S PUKING HER GUTS OUT.
IT'S GREEN, WHICH IS INTERESTING.
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU HOME.

I'M NOT GOING HOME.
I NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT. I NEED TO GO.
WHERE?

ASTORIA, NEW YORK. NEXT DAY.
"I NEED TO SEE A WOMAN ABOUT A MONSTER."

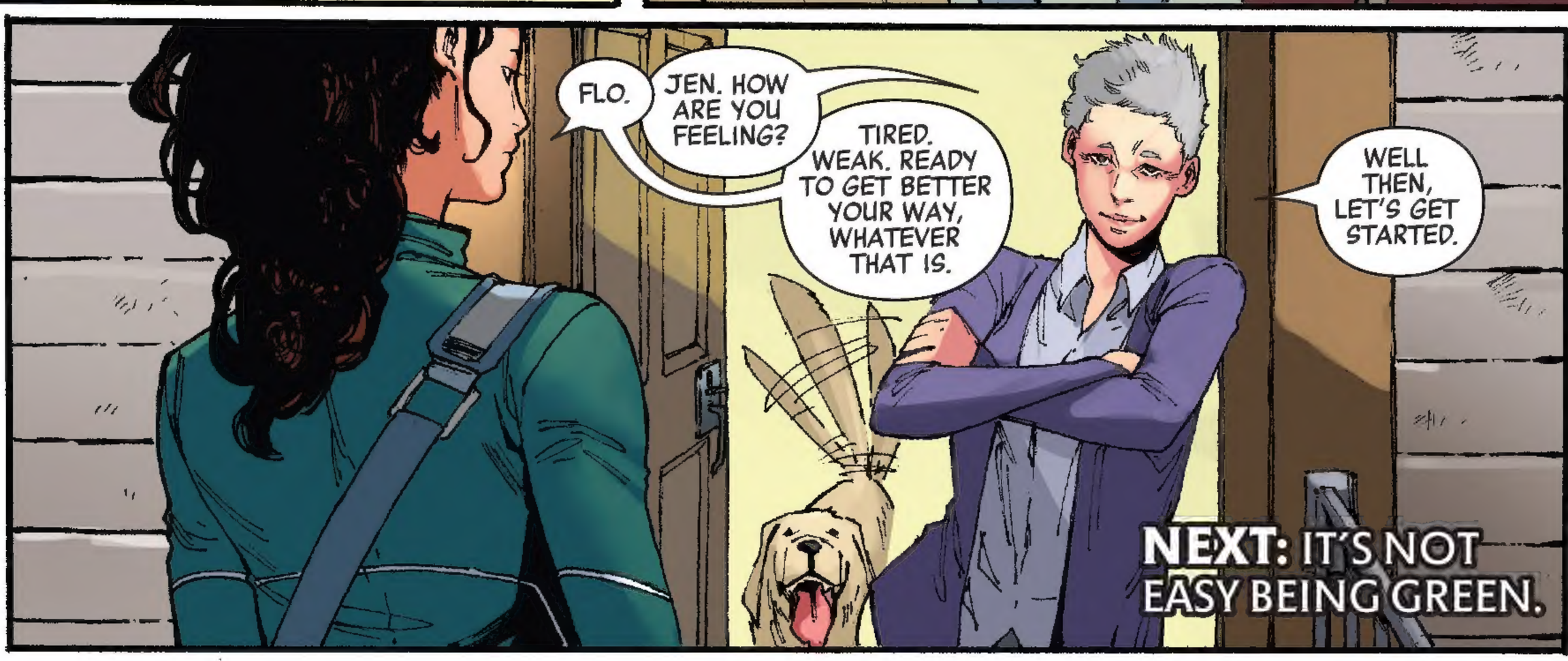
CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS.

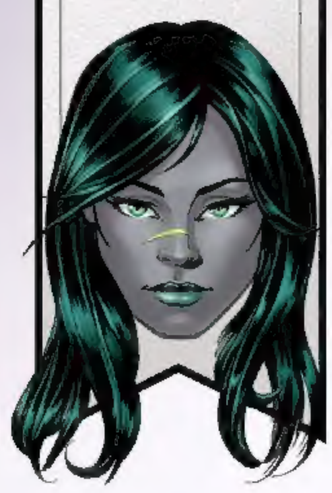
KNOCK KNOCK
BARK! BARK!


KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
RUFF

WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE.

COMING!


FLO.
JEN. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
TIRED. WEAK. READY TO GET BETTER YOUR WAY, WHATEVER THAT IS.
WELL THEN, LET'S GET STARTED.
NEXT: IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN.



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JOURNEYS TO THE CENTER OF HER MIND!

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